

From the Rector _____

Her name was Alex.

She was born into a family that loved her from the first moment that they saw her. She had a sibling and two caring parents; she seemed blessed in every way. Except, of course, for the cystic fibrosis that was diagnosed soon after her birth. And, as we can imagine, the next eight years were years of near endless worry and fear and sadness. Doctor's appointments and treatments all followed; all interrupting what should have been the happiest years of her life: a childhood marred by a condition for which there was no cure; a condition that might have beaten her down entirely; that might have destroyed her, and her family, from the inside out.

But it didn't. In spite of her illness, she found a way to squeeze as much joy as possible out of such a challenging situation: she gave love just as freely as she received it. And in *her* courage her family found their own courage: courage to face the uncertainty without buckling; courage to live their lives without bitterness or resentment, but with faith and hope.

In the end, none of that could change the outcome: she died when she was just eight years old: a young bright loving child whose parents could do nothing more than hand her over to the God in whose love she trusted. Fully. With parents who had come to know a love that they'd never ever known before; a love they would never been able to know had they not shared those trials with her.

It seems that the only certainty in life is that life is uncertain; someone or something can be taken away from us in an instant. The things that we think are most trustworthy so often prove not to be reliable at all. Hopefully, whenever that happens, our Lord's words to His disciples in this week's Gospel have the power to sustain us through whatever darkness we face:

So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

Christ reminds us that the darkness of all of this world's uncertainty cannot and will not last forever; that just as the tomb was opened on the morning of the third day, so God has the power to bring resurrection out of all of our many different kinds of deaths; and joy out of all of our many different experiences of sorrow. Christ says this not out of some vague, undefined naïve hope that things will always get better; this is not the stuff of well-intended but ineffectual get-well cards.

Christ says this because of the reality of his own life: His resurrection is the sign above all other signs that we can always trust God to bring healing and hope to our hearts; that nothing stands in the way of His power to give us that joy which can overcome all of our fears; a deep joy that cannot, and will not, be taken from us.



REMINDER: The schedule of Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist each weekend is as follows:

Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's

Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. @ All Saints'

Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's



Parish Notices and Updates _____

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY will be held this coming Friday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We're continuing with our series called "Matriarchs & Patriarchs; Prophets & Papyri: the great stories of the Old Testament and how they point us to Jesus."

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US for Fr. Nicholas' first Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which will be here at St. Mary's this coming **Wednesday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.**, commemorating the Apostles St. Philip & St. James. Please join with us as we celebrate the ministry to which God is calling him. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall following the service.

PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP: Please plan to join us for a Workday to help clean up the Church property before the start of summer on **Saturday, May 13th** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please speak to the Rector if you think you can join us for any part of that time.

PLEASE JOIN WITH OUR PARISH FAMILY on **Wednesday, May 17th** at 7:00 p.m. for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop David Edwards will be with us to confirm eight candidates. A Reception will follow in the Parish Hall

ASCENSION DAY is the Church's commemoration of Christ's triumphal return to heaven following His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. It falls each year on the 40th day of Easter. A Celebration of the Holy

Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension will be held on **Thursday, May 18th at 10:00 a.m.** at All Saints' Church in the Parish of Marysville; and everyone is encouraged to make the effort to attend as their schedule permits. Plan to join us on the 18th as we celebrate the completion of Christ's earthly ministry and His promise to send us the Holy Spirit.

THE NEXT WORKDAY AT CAMP MEDLEY will be on Saturday, June 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and they would love to have your help. There will be lots of cleaning and other projects we are going to do with different skill levels required, so all are welcomed and needed. To help with their planning, you are asked to let the Director, the Revd. John Galbraith, know if you are thinking of going as it will help them prepare. Lunch will be provided. Contact: director@campmedley.ca; O: 506-488-2874; C: 506-471-2429.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation.*



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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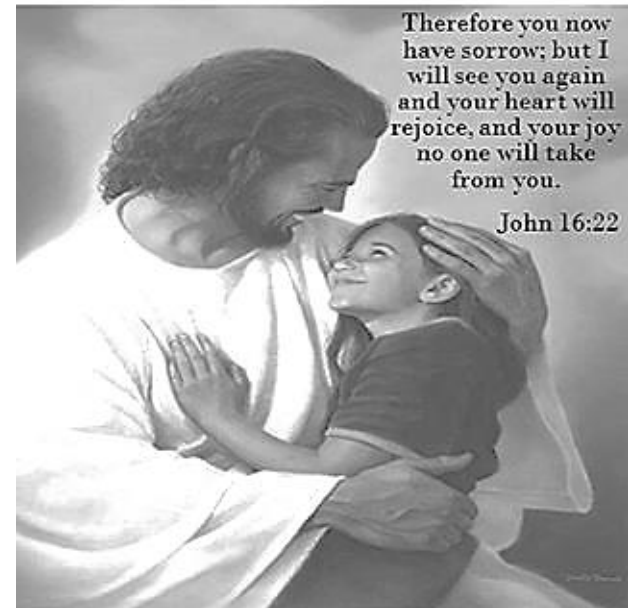
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THE PARISH OF
ST. MARY, YORK



Therefore you now
have sorrow; but I
will see you again
and your heart will
rejoice, and your joy
no one will take
from you.

John 16:22

For many years the Christians met in homes and never possessed any special buildings for their gatherings. As *religio illicita*, no thought could be had of a permanent structure for gatherings. This would only facilitate matters for the Roman government in its merciless persecutions. The early Church was very conscious of its pilgrim character in a world which was at enmity with God.

Donald L. Norbie, *New Testament Church Organization*

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 29, 2023

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer:

✠ Psalms 142 & 143 | Deuteronomy 19 | Acts 14:8-end

5:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Introit Psalm 66:1-3:	<i>page 408</i>
The Gloria:	<i>page 86</i>
The Collect:	<i>page 193</i>
The Old Testament Reading:	Genesis 45:3-10
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The Epistle:	<i>page 193</i>
Gradual Psalm 66:4-8:	<i>page 408</i>
The Holy Gospel:	<i>page 193</i>
The Creed:	<i>page 71</i>
The Homily	
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	<i>page 82</i>
Post Communion Prayer:	<i>page 85</i>

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

MAY 2: ST. ATHANASIUS, Doctor & Bishop of Alexandria, 373

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m. – Memorial Service for the late Shirley
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♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** 155 *with Alleluias* (EASTER HYMN 153)

The Gloria: page 86

The Collect: page 193

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-10

♪ **EASTER ANTHEMS** page 182

The Epistle: page 193

Gradual Psalm 66:4-8: page 408

The Holy Gospel: page 193

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (LASST UNS ERFREUEN 352)

The Creed: page 71

The Homily

♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN:** 606 (ST. ALBINUS)

The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

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♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** 163 (VULPIUS)

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